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Officer Wes Evans

Officer Wes Evans has served with the Grand Blanc Township Police Department since March 2004 as a patrol officer and one of the GBTP's designated field training officers. He has spent most of his career with Grand Blanc Township working the afternoon and midnight shifts (by choice).

Throughout his career at Grand Blanc Township, Officer Evans has been known as a proactive enforcer of the state laws and local ordinances pertaining to traffic safety, particularly the OWI/OUID law and local ordinances corresponding to it. Officer Evans is consistently a monthly departmental leader in arrests of OWI/OUID violators with arrests consistently proven valid by chemical test results. To date, Officer Evans has personally made approx. 290-300 arrests for OWI/OWI-Drugs while an officer with Grand Blanc Township.

Officer Evans recognized a problem within his jurisdiction of drugged drivers that often went unrecognized due to a lack of knowledge about the effects of drugs on the human body. In March 2009, Officer Evans obtained departmental support to seek participation in the IACP Drug Recognition Expert training at a school in Indianapolis, Indiana. Officer Evans got accepted to the school and successfully completed it. In May 2009 Officer Evans completed the DRE school in Phoenix, Arizona and was certified through the DRE program in Indiana. In July 2010 Officer Evans received training as a DRE instructor in Green Bay, Wisconsin. In September 2010, Officer Evans became an ARIDE instructor and in December 2010 completed his DRE instructor certification in South Bend, Indiana.

Officer Evans served as a patrol officer with Corporal rank with the Sumter, S.C. Police Department from 1999 to early 2004. While with the SPD, Officer Evans was as active as possible in impaired driving enforcement, with duties that ranged from standard patrol to mounted patrol. From 1992 to 1999, Officer Evans served in the N.C. Department of Corrections as a correctional officer. Officer Evans was a member of the state Prison Emergency Response Team, where he dealt with the always potentially uncooperative inmates under the influence of homemade alcohol or other hoarded or smuggled-in drugs on a regular basis.

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The Resume of:
Officer Samuel W. Evans
Certified Drug Recognition Expert

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Introduction

Officer Evans is an officer employed by the Grand Blanc Township Police Department for over 7 years with a total of approx. 12 years of police experience. He is currently assigned to the GBTP's Patrol Division with duties that range from uniformed patrol to serving as a field training officer for new recruits. When assigned to evening and night shift tours of duty, Officer Evans is consistently one of the GBTP's department leaders for OWI arrests. Officer Evans has testified in hundreds of criminal trials ranging from public peace crimes to drug possession to OWI to felony crimes. Officer Evans has made between 290-300 OWI/OUID arrests so far during his career at the GBTPD. Officer Evans is only the 4th officer (GBTPD is only the 3rd department in the state to have a DRE) in the state of Michigan to become a certified drug recognition expert (DRE), a very demanding position which requires much commitment, effort and professionalism to attain and thereafter maintain. In 2010 Officer Evans achieved DRE instructor status with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which makes him the 2nd of only three DRE instructors in the entire state of Michigan. Officer Evans's DRE status is credentialed (DRE license # 16292) by the IACP. In addition, this program is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the US Department of Transportation.

In addition to his 12 years of total police experience, nearly 5 of which were as a officer with the Sumter, S.C. PD, Officer Evans has approximately 6 ½ years of additional corrections experience with the North Carolina Department of Corrections and approximately eight months of additional experience with the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

While in the North Carolina system, Officer Evans worked duties ranging from cell block management of inmates to serving as a member of the specialized statewide PERT (Prison Emergency Response Team) team, with duties ranging from hostage negotiation to natural/manmade disaster response, to riot suppression, to escapee apprehension, to random, surprise prison searches to handling drug/alcohol impaired inmates. Officer Evans also served on the Road Squad (modern term for chain gang) wing of the NCDCC, supervising felon inmates under armed supervision in community work sites on a daily basis as requested by the NC Department of Transportation. During his time employed in prisons, Officer Evans has encountered and dealt with in a professional manner many inmates under the influence of alcohol or drugs other than alcohol, or a combination of both.

Law Enforcement Experience

05/16/11-05/21/11: Became one of two of the first DRE instructors to teach the state's 1st (Field certifications, final knowledge exam) Phase III DRE school in Phoenix, Arizona

04/25/11-05/06/11: Became one of two of the first DRE instructors to teach the 1st DRE school (phases I and II, Lansing, MI) ever taught in Michigan to both MI and OH officers.

10/2010: Became one of the first two DRE instructors to teach ARIDE in the Upper Peninsula (Northern Michigan University, Marquette)

05/2010: Charter member of the DRE Steering Committee for the founding of the DECP program in Michigan. This committee is responsible for development of the DRE program in Michigan as governed by IACP policy.

03/23/2010: Recognized in the 67th District Court as a Drug Recognition Expert in the court of the Honorable John Conover

08/26/2009/Advised the SFST Assessment Committee in Lansing, MI, which consisted of law enforcement officials from FL, AZ, and NC, on my opinion of the SFST program in Michigan and what the future direction of the program should be

04/2009 to Present: Certified Drug Recognition Expert, GBTPD

03/2004 to Present: Officer, Uniformed Patrol Division GBTPD

Prosecutorial Experience:

While serving the public as a police officer in SC, there were no prosecutors available to prosecute for misdemeanor bench trials or felony cases through the preliminary hearing phase of the case. So in his agency, it fell on Officer Evans to serve as his own prosecutor for their arrests. For nearly (5) years, Officer Evans attended Municipal Court nearly every week for one to two times each week as required by the court. While there, he had to prosecute all of his arrests, ranging from DUI 1st, to Domestic Violence 1st and 2nd, to Possession of Marijuana 1st, etc., without the benefit of a prosecutor. Officer Evans had a reputation as being both a competent investigator and an effective presenter of evidence to the finder of fact. While there, Officer Evans became familiar with the Rules of Evidence for SC and thus followed them to the best of his ability. Many times Officer Evans would be asked to give a verbal sentencing recommendation for the individual to the court.

Service Awards and Recognition:

06/2011/Recognized by MADD of Michigan for efforts put forth in reducing the incidence of impaired driving

04/2011/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for outstanding impaired driving enforcement on the 3pm-11pm shift

03/2011/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for aggressive impaired driving enforcement on the 3pm-11pm shift

02/2009/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for leading the PD in OWI arrests, overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

01/2009/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for leading the PD in OWI arrests, all arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

10/2008/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for exceeding all monthly-evaluated areas for patrol

09/2008/ Written recognition from the shift supervisor for leading the PD in OWI arrests, and exceeding other monthly-evaluated areas

2008/American Red Cross Everyday Heroes Award for Law Enforcement for Genesee and Lapeer Counties for saving a human life during a personal injury crash

08/2008 Written recognition from the shift supervisor for leading the PD in OWI arrests and exceeding stats in all other evaluated areas

07/2008/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for leading the PD in OWI arrests and meeting all other stats required

05/2008/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for being a leader in OWI arrests, overall arrests and all other monthly-evaluated areas

2007/Grand Blanc Township Police Department Life Saving Award for saving a human life

10/2006/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for being a shift leader in meeting/exceeding all monthly-evaluated areas, to include OWI's, other arrests

08/2006/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

07/2006/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

03/2006/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

10/2005/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

08/2005/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

05/2005/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

03/2005/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

02/2005/Written recognition from the shift supervisor for meeting/exceeding expectations in overall arrests and other monthly-evaluated areas

2000/Sumter Police Department/Commendation for Bravery

1999/South Carolina Dept. of Corrections "Can-Do" Award for Outstanding Job Performance in preventing a widespread prison riot in which some of the inmates were drunk on homemade alcoholic beverages

1999/South Carolina Department of Corrections/Byron Garrison Award

Specialized Training:

12/07/10-12/08/10/Completed DRE Instructor School (field certification) in South Bend, Indiana

09/2010/Completed ARIDE instructor requirements and Phase II of DRE instructor training at the MSP Academy in Lansing, MI

07/2010/Completed DRE Instructor School (classroom portion) in Green Bay, Wisconsin

07/2010/Completed SFST Instructor School in Green Bay, Wisconsin

04/2009/Drug Recognition Expert Field Certification Training in Phoenix, Arizona

04/2009/Drug Recognition Expert Field Certification Training in Lafayette, Indiana

03/2009/Drug Recognition Expert School at the Indianapolis Metro PD, Indiana

03/2009/Drug Recognition Expert Pre-School at the Indianapolis Metro PD, Indiana

03/2008/Attended Michigan Traffic Safety Summit in Lansing, MI

07/2006/Narcotic Field Test Training at the Flint Police Academy

04/2006/Drug Detection/Trendy Drug training at the Flint Police Academy

10/2005/Attended the MI Traffic Enforcement Training Conference

12/2004/Standardized Field Sobriety Test trained at GBFD Station # 1

03/2004/Infrared Breathalyzer trained at Delta Community College

Outside Readings:

08/2011/Buzzed: The Straight Facts About the Most Used and Abused Drugs from Alcohol to Ecstasy

07/2011/Legal Highs

01/2011/The Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Drugs: Valium and Other Tranquilizers

12/2010-01/2011/Cocaine Addiction: Theory, Research and Treatment

10/2010-11/2010/Central Nervous System: Structure and Function

08/2010/A Brief History of Drugs: From the Stone Age to the Stoned Age

06/2010/ABC's of the Human Mind

04/2010/The Truth About Drugs, 2nd Edition

03/2010/The DRE/Fall, Winter 2009, Vol. 21, Issue 3/4

02/2010/Chemical Dependency: Opposing Viewpoints

11/2009/The Encyclopedia on Psychoactive Drugs; Heroin: The Street Narcotic

10/2009/The Drug Identification Bible (2008 Edition)

08/2009/Consistency and Timing of the HGN Test/The DRE, spring 2007

07/2009/A Behavioral Optometry/Vision Science Perspective on the HGN Exam for DUI Enforcement (The Forensic Examiner, spring 2007)

06/2009/The DEA Position on Marijuana